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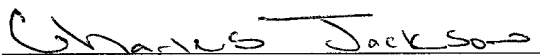   DISCRIMINATING METHOD

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

> Before the issuance of the first Office Action, please amend the above-identified

application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

> Please amend claim 37 as follows:

37.   (Amended)   The robot apparatus according to claim 35, wherein:

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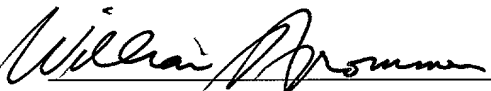said detecting means detects emotion data or character data from said another robot apparatus; and

said character discriminating means discriminates a character of said another robot apparatus on the basis of said emotion data or character data.

REMARKS

Claim 37 has been amended to correct an inadvertent error in its claim dependency. Attached hereto is a marked up version of the change made to claim 37 by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned **"Version with markings to show changes made."**

Respectfully submitted,

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

In the claims:

37.   (Amended)   The robot apparatus according to claim [38] <u>35</u>, wherein:

said detecting means detects emotion data or character data from said another

robot apparatus; and

said character discriminating means discriminates a character of said another

robot apparatus on the basis of said emotion data or character data.